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The present amendment is in response to the Official Action dated June 2, 2004, wherein the Examiner rejected pending claims 1-21, as being unpatentable over Janssen et al., US Patent No. 5,954,817, in view of Cassagnol et al., US Patent No. 6,385,727. The Examiner has further objected to claim 4 as not being described in the Specification. However, in view of the present response, the applicants would respectfully request that the Examiner reexamine and reconsider the claims.

Specifically, the applicant has amended the specification to provide support which is even more clear, where the source of the amendment being made is derived at least in part from the original language associated with the objected to claim 4. Still further, claims 1, 12 and 19 have been amended to more clearly identify that the encryption and decryption is performed directly using the laser-scribed encryption key as the encryption/decryption key. This is in contrast to Cassagnol et al., '727, which uses a session key, in addition to a master key and a device key, for purposes of encrypting and decrypting the data, at least some of which can not be said to be equivalent to and/or obvious modifications of a laser-scribed encryption key associated with the secure processing system for a communication device, as provided by the claims of the present application.

The applicants would contend, that the claims are allowable over the prior art of record for the reasons noted. The applicants would request that the Examiner reconsider and reexamine the claims in view of the above noted reasons. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested. In the event, that there are any remaining unresolved issues precluding the issuance of the present application after consideration of the present response, before issuing a further rejection, the Examiner is respectively requested to contact the applicants' agent at the below listed number to discuss the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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